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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 2, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19 (Twice Amended). A skin attachment member of plastic resin, comprising:
a backing, and
an array of skin penetrating elements extending integrally from the backing to a tip, the skin penetrating elements sized to avoid contact with nerves below the epidermal skin layer,
a plurality of the skin penetrating elements each including a retention barb extending from an outer surface of the skin penetrating element,
wherein the array of skin penetrating elements, including each retention barb, is formed integrally from a single plastic resin.

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